

IN THE ABSTRACT

Page 34, "ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE" section, replace this section with:

A sampling apparatus ~~which makes ready collection of a minute sample for making a microscopic analysis possible, and which comprises of a minute sample includes~~ a frame (1) fixed at a prescribed position relative to ~~the~~ an object lens of an optical microscope (M); a moving member (15) supported with the ~~fixed~~ frame (1) so as to be reciprocatably movable between a sampling position and a waiting position; a member (17) for holding the moving member (15) at the waiting position; and a device (11e, 21, 22) for adjusting the position of a sampling needle (23) relative to the moving member (15) ~~so that whereby~~ the tip of the sampling needle (23) is situated at ~~the~~ a focus position of the object lens ~~of the optical microscope (M) in the state wherein when~~ the moving member (15) ~~was~~ is moved to the sampling position; ~~and means (24) for fixing the~~ The sampling needle (23) ~~to the moving member (15) in the state wherein the position of the sampling needle (23) is adjustable relative to the moving member (15) was adjusted.~~